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Let Us **INSPIRE** You!



This INSPIRE Curriculum Resource is designed to show teachers and Media Specialists that INSPIRE can be incorporated into standards based research projects for students of all ages. Included in this resource guide you will find:

- INSPIRE overview
- Searching INSPIRE
- Research and planning models
- Sample Indiana standards-based projects using INSPIRE
- Communication to inform parents about INSPIRE

Why bother with **INSPIRE**?

1. Offers sources that are credible, documented and educationally sound
2. Enables easier teaching of search strategies, since all searches will initially follow the same pattern
3. Creates less frustration for students than using the World Wide Web
4. Results in fewer superfluous sources, more relevant “hits”
5. Educates staff and students in “good” resources available to all, even from “home”
6. Allows articles to be Emailed home
7. Provides full text, and a broad range of sources and levels
8. Makes creating a Works Cited easier



Create **INSPIRE**-ational units!



The projects included in this resource guide create learning opportunities that reflect current best-practice instructional strategies. Teams of Media Specialists and classroom teachers worked together to plan research units, which were first based on state standards for both information literacy and subject/grade level areas. The inquiry-based units incorporate critical thinking skills, active learning, and performance-based assessments. Technology and information literacy skills are integrated throughout the units. In addition, practical and helpful hints for project implementation are included.

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INSPIRE:- What is it?

INSPIRE is Indiana's **Virtual library on the Internet** that can be accessed by Indiana residents using any computer equipped with an Indiana connection and Web browser as Netscape or MS Internet Explorer.

INSPIRE is a collection of **commercial databases and information resources**. INSPIRE has full text articles from magazines, newspaper and reference sources. The databases consist of academic, business, medical, scientific and educational sources. INSPIRE includes many links to data about Indiana museums, historical sites, newspaper and other media, sports, schools and universities, and government agencies. These links are updated every seven days.

 **FREE!!!** to all Indiana residents

 **Funding** –INSPIRE is a service of Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA). INSPIRE funding comes from a number of sources: Lily Endowment Inc., Indiana State Library, LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) and INCOLSA member libraries.

 **Full text information** – Some resources provide complete text of an article with citation.



The ***INSPIRE*** Homepage

 **http:// www.inspire.net** 



The screenshot shows the INSPIRE.NET homepage. At the top left is the logo with the text "INSPIRE.NET INDIANA'S ONLINE RESEARCH LIBRARY". To the right is a banner with the text "GO WHERE THE EXPERTS GO." and a collage of images showing people in various settings. Below the banner is a navigation bar with links: Home, About, Links, Libraries, Databases, and Support. On the left side of the main content area is a large image of a hand pointing at a glowing screen. The main text area contains a paragraph about database funding, a "What's New" section with two bullet points, and a search bar labeled "Search INSPIRE Databases".

INSPIRE.NET
INDIANA'S ONLINE RESEARCH LIBRARY

GO WHERE THE EXPERTS GO.

Home About Links Libraries Databases Support

INSPIRE database funding is provided by the Indiana General Assembly.

When you need reliable, verifiable, quantifiable, accurate information, go where the experts go. INSPIRE offers magazines, encyclopedias, and other resources to all Indiana residents. Research current events, science, business, health, notable people, hobbies, and much more from your library, school, home or office.

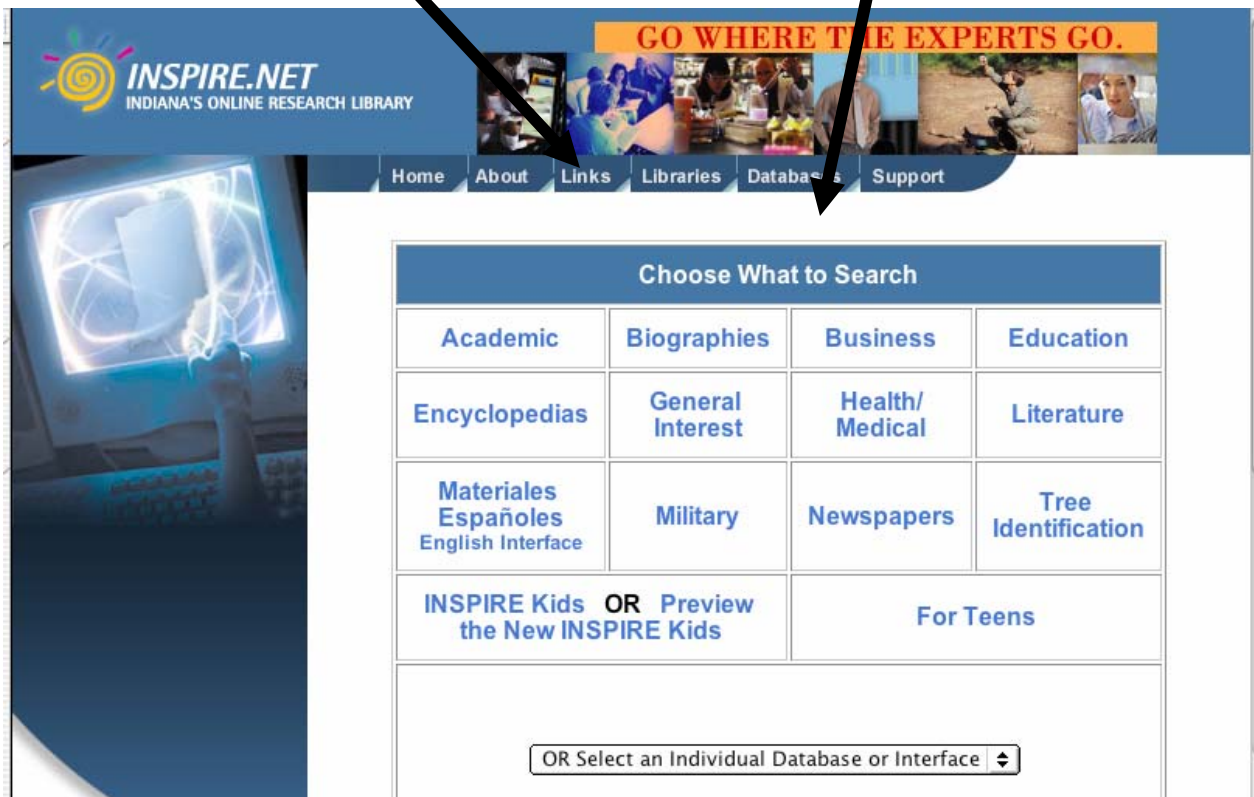
What's New

- The old INSPIRE Kids interface will be taken down on or after July 5th
- The ERIC database now contains links to the full text of more than 107,000 full-text non-journal documents (issued 1993-2004).

Search INSPIRE Databases

Links to interesting
sites

Searchable **Databases**



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Choose What to Search			
Academic	Biographies	Business	Education
Encyclopedias	General Interest	Health/Medical	Literature
Materiales Españoles English Interface	Military	Newspapers	Tree Identification
INSPIRE Kids OR Preview the New INSPIRE Kids		For Teens	

OR Select an Individual Database or Interface ▾



INSPIRE Contents



Links -Comprehensive index to Indiana resources:

- ART & HISTORY**– All types of museums, **art galleries**, **historical sites**, **genealogies**, **state parks**, and Indiana in the **Civil War**, etc.
- COMMUNITY NETS**– Links to different **county governments** and information and services.
- EDUCATION** – Links to a variety of primary and secondary **school web pages**. Also there are links to all the **Indiana colleges and universities'** web pages.
- ENTERTAINMENT**– Links to different **theatres**, **live and movie of Indianapolis**, and a selection of Indianapolis Internet links. VISIT INDIANA has comprehensive links to **famous Hoosiers**.
- EMPLOYMENT** – Links that encompass the United States. There are a multitude of **search engines for jobs**.
- GOVERNMENT** -- Links to all the **state government** agencies and committees.
- MEDICAL/HEALTH** – An extensive list of links to **medical databases**.
- KIDS** – A list of **children's search engines** like AskJeeves for Kids, 700+ Great Web sites for Kids, 4KIDS, KIDS Connect, KIDS Click, Yahoooligans. Also CIA Factbook , Fact Monster, States and Capitols, Infoplease, Online Dictionary and Thesaurus, and Reference desk.
- MEDIA & NEWS**– Links to all the **major and local newspapers** throughout the state as well as **radio and TV stations** and Indiana magazines.
- SPORTS** – Links to all the Indiana **professional, collegiate, high school teams**: football, soccer, hockey, baseball and basketball. Also has links to horse racing, auto racing, golf and hunting and fishing.
- REFERENCE** – Links to a comprehensive list of **encyclopedias and dictionaries** both general and specialized. Also access to libraries all over the world is available including the **Library of Congress**. Phone books, maps and other resources are available, too.
- What Tree is it?*** – Helps identify a tree by its leaf, fruit or name.



Searchable Databases:

Biography Resource Center- Research biographical information from publications and full text periodical articles

Informe! - Links to **Spanish magazines** and pamphlets with full text. There is a **Spanish thesaurus** for native Spanish speakers.

EBSCO Host: Search these databases for full text and abstract information on a variety of topics.

MasterFILE	Professional Development	MEDLINE
Business Source	Collection	U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP DI),
Newspaper Source	EBSCO Online Citations	Middle Search
Business Wire News	Funk & Wagnalls	MAS Ultra - School Edition
Academic Search	Health Source: Consumer	Primary Search
	Health Source:Nursing/Academic	EBSCO Animals
		Military Full Text
		MEDLINE

INSPIRE Kids– A search interface designed especially for **children in grades 3-7**. Ability to multi-level search at age appropriate reading levels. This interface helps children search databases in a simple fashion. Resources included are:

Primary Search	Funk & Wagnalls' Encyclopedia
Middle Search Plus	Ebsco Animals

What Tree Is It? Great database for identifying 170 Midwest trees; includes full-color photos



A full description of all databases is found in the appendix.